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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES!

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AVENGERS

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!!

WE STAND
OR WE
FALL--
AGAINST
ZODIAC!

THEY'RE
THE MOST
SINISTER
LEADER
OF SUPER-VILLAINS
UNDER THE SKY

THIS TIME--
IT'S A
FIGHT TO
THE FINISH!!

THE FINAL
BATTLE!



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TRAPPED in OUTER SPACE!

LIFT OFF!

A MOMENT AGO, THE MIGHTY AVENGERS AND A REBELLIOUS GROUP FROM THE CRIME CARTEL CALLED ZODIAC MET IN BATTLE, INSIDE WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A SIMPLE WAREHOUSE!

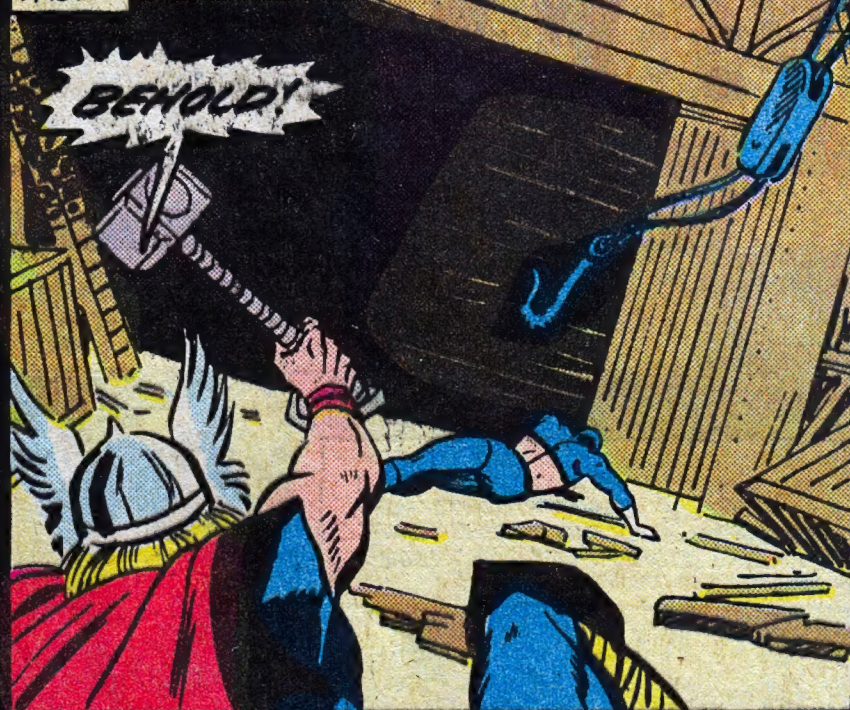
NOW THAT STRUCTURE TURNS OUT TO BE MORE! NOW IT IS REVEALED AS A DISGUISED SPACE SHIP-- HURTLING HEAVENWARD-- PULLING THESE PEOPLE DOWN TO THE FLOOR-- PULLING THEIR SKIN BACK FROM THEIR BONES!

NOW EACH TEAM KNOWS IT FACES AN UNKNOWN FATE-- AND FACES IT TRAPPED WITH ITS SWORN ENEMIES!

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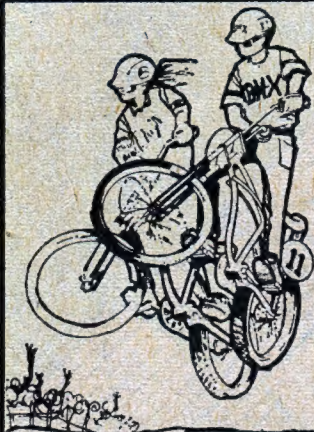
IT IS THEN THAT A SENSITIVE RELAY TRIPS, CAUSING A STEEL DOOR TO SLIDE AWAY AND PROVE THAT INCREDIBLE FACT!



THE TRAP OF TAURUS FOR THE MEMBERS OF ZODIAC WHO DID PLOT AGAINST HIS LEADERSHIP HATH BEEN PERFECTLY SPRUNG--

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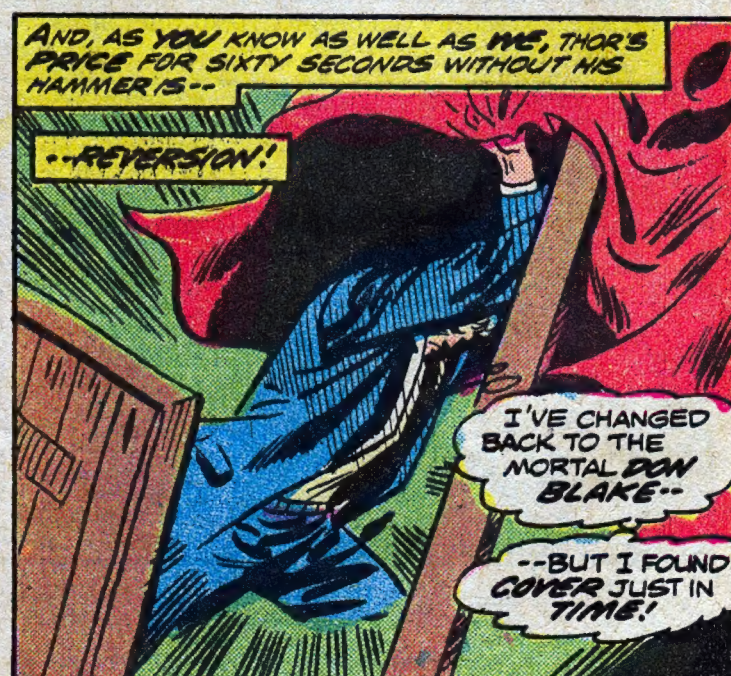
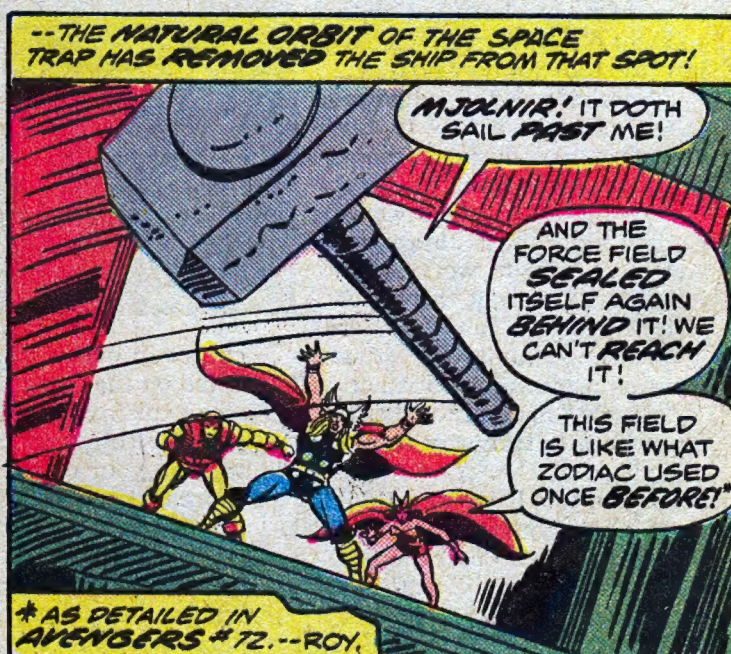
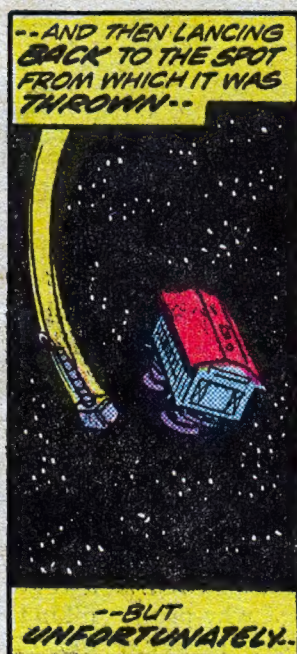
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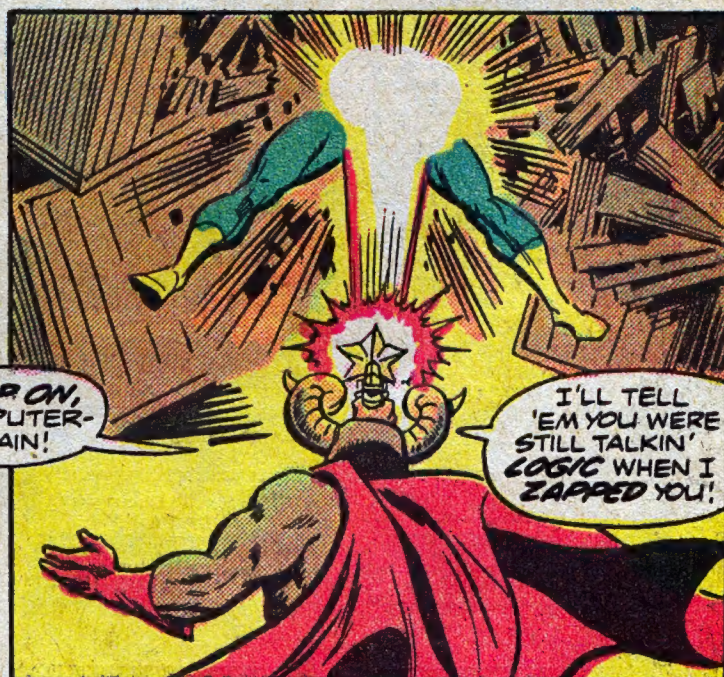
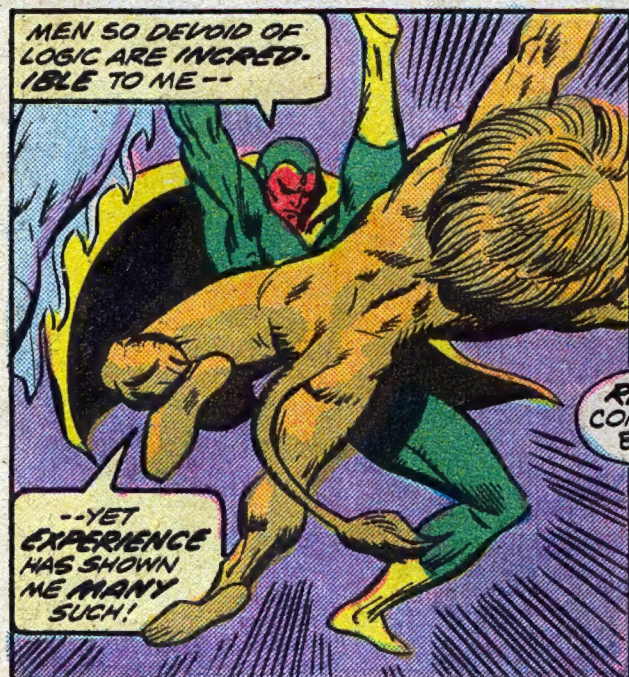
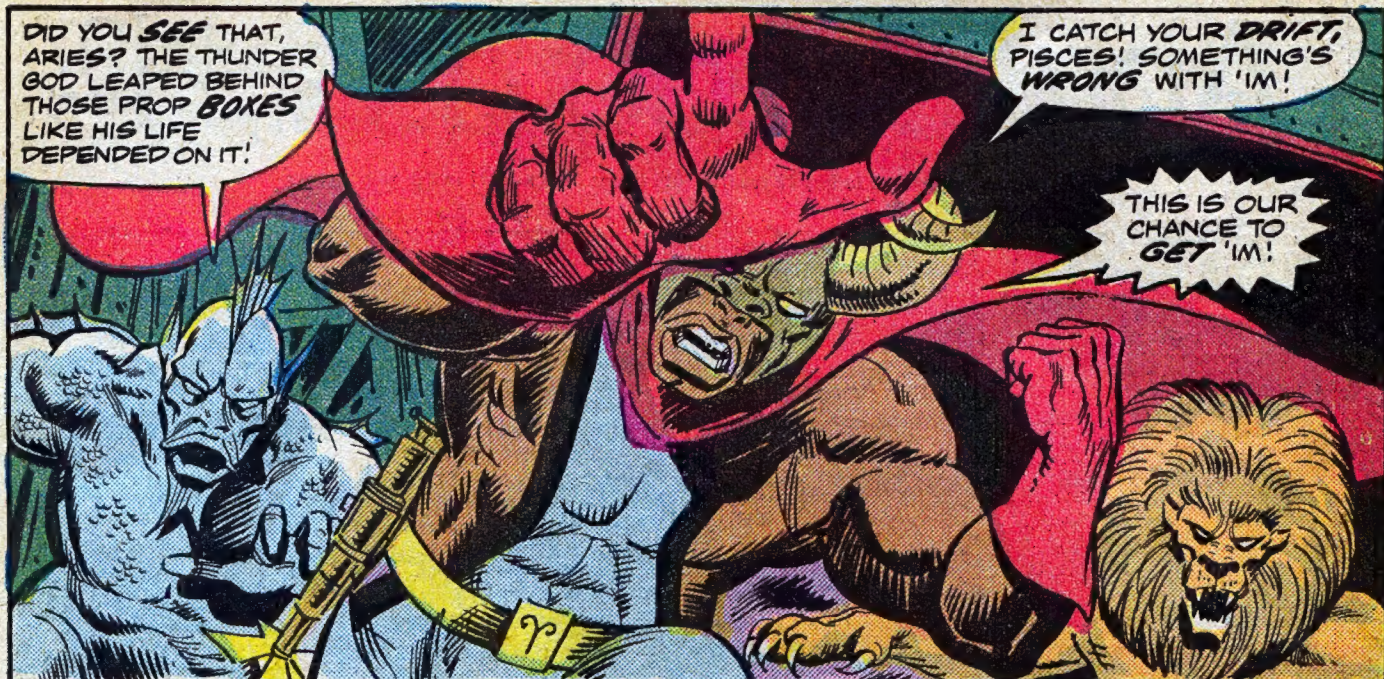
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OF TODAY

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[MGM]
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228155 **ELTON JOHN**
[MCA]
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THE PIANO PLAYER

220095 **BOBBY GOLDSBORO**
[HI]
Greatest Hits

220335* **CHUCK BERRY**
[CHESS]
THE LONDON SESSIONS

231613* **SLY AND THE FAMILY**
[EPIC]
STONE FRESH

230714 **CARPENTERS**
[MCA]
NOW & THEN

234344* **BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS**
[COLUMBIA]
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232553* **SONNY JAMES**
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GET OVER YOU

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[CURTOM]
Back To The World

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[MCA]
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231662* **Grover Washington, Jr.**
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223123* **LIZA MINNELLI**
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GIVE YOUR BABY A
STANDING OVATION

207361 **TAMMY WYNETTE**
[MCA]
Greatest Hits, Vol. 2

227488* **FARON YOUNG**
[MCA]
THIS TIME THE
HURTIN'S ON ME

228957* **JOE STAMPLEY**
[BOT]
SOUL SONG

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THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS
WENT OUT IN GEORGIA

232199* **LOBO • CALUMET**
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222000 **THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY**
[BELL]
AT HOME WITH
THEIR GREATEST HITS

229518* **HUMBLE PIE**
[MCA]
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[ELEKTRA]
If/Make It With You

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[POLYGRAM]
Lovin' You Lovin' Me

228700* **(SOUNDTRACK)**
[POLYGRAM]
JAMES BROWN
BLACK CAESAR

220061 **DON McLEAN**
[HI]
American Pie

228585* **SOUNDTRACK**
[BELL]
GODSPELL

224295* **LOGGINS AND MESSINA**
[COLUMBIA]
Your Mama Don't Dance

214650 **Blood, Sweat & Tears**
[COLUMBIA]
GREATEST HITS

222406* **MAC DAVIS**
[COLUMBIA]
BABY DON'T GET
HOOKED ON ME

234211* **(Soundtrack) BOB DYLAN**
[COLUMBIA]
Pat Garrett & Billy The Kid

230938* **DONALD BYRD**
[BLUE NOTE]
BLACK BYRD

232710* **LIVE AND LET DIE**
[HI]
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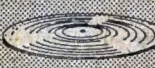
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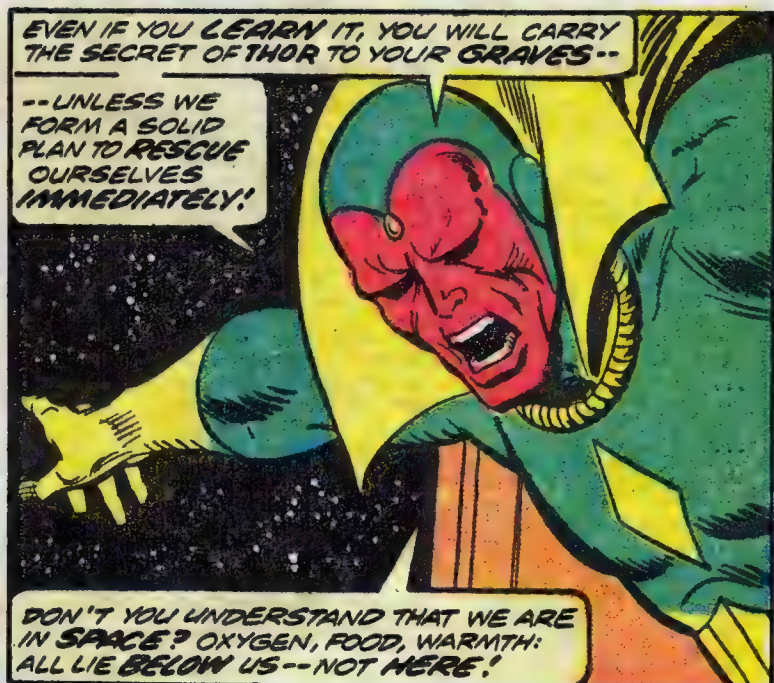
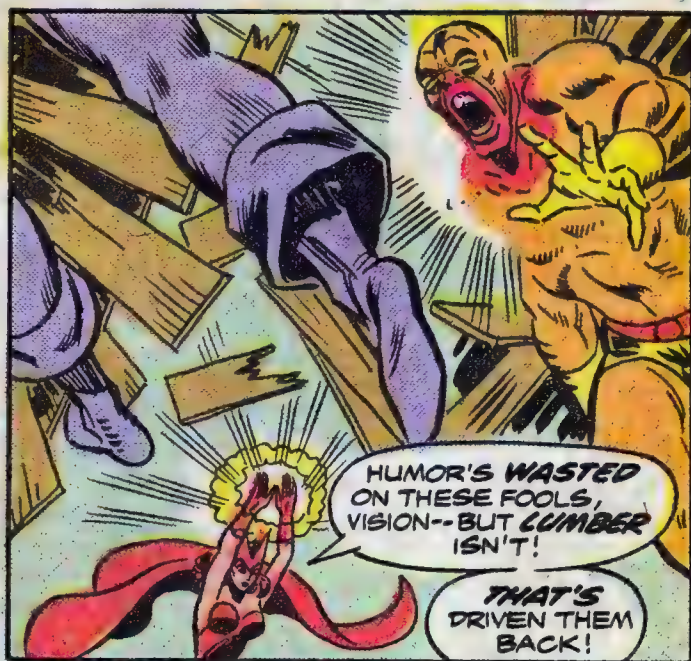
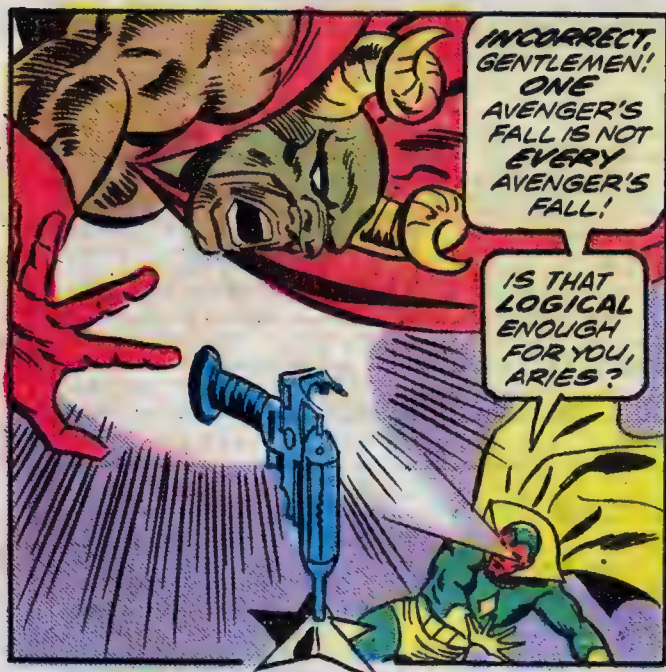
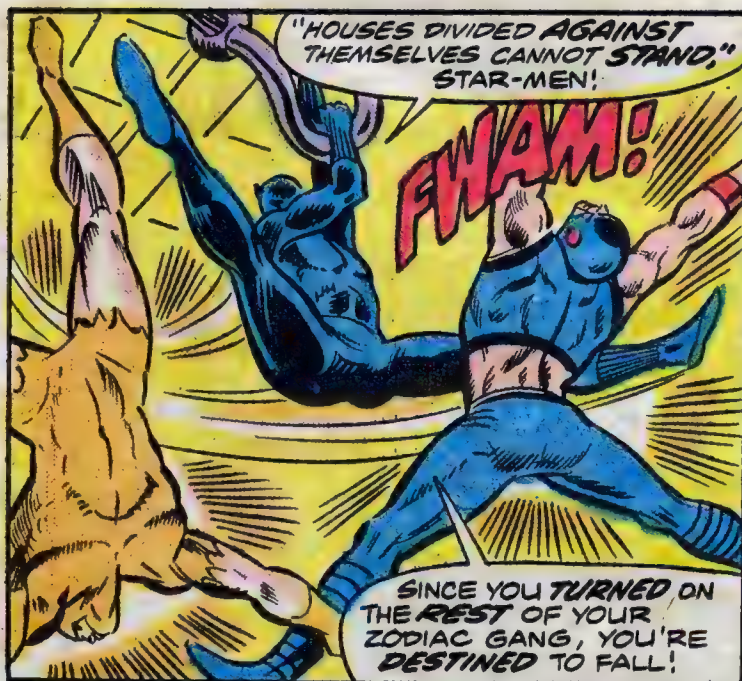
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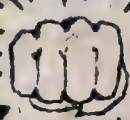
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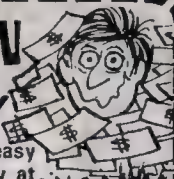
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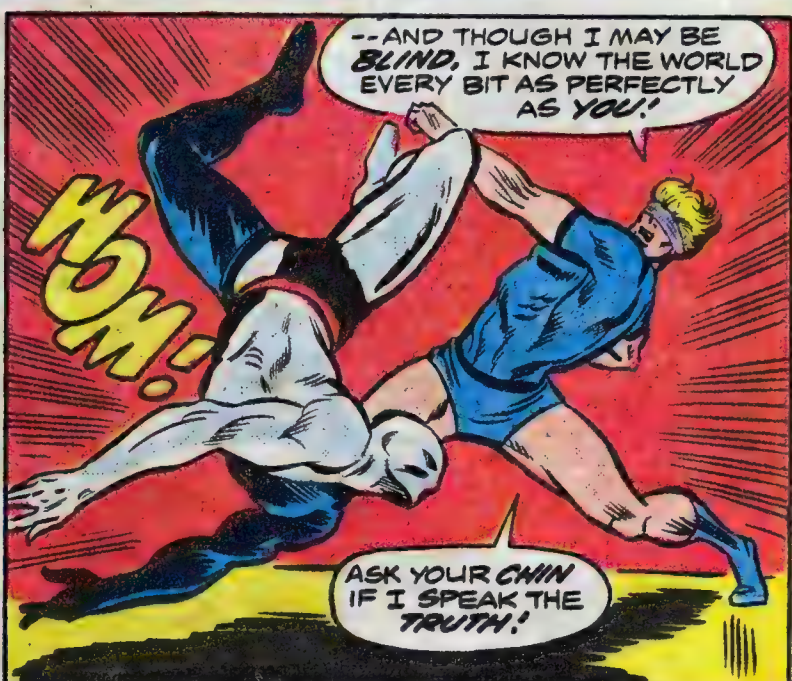
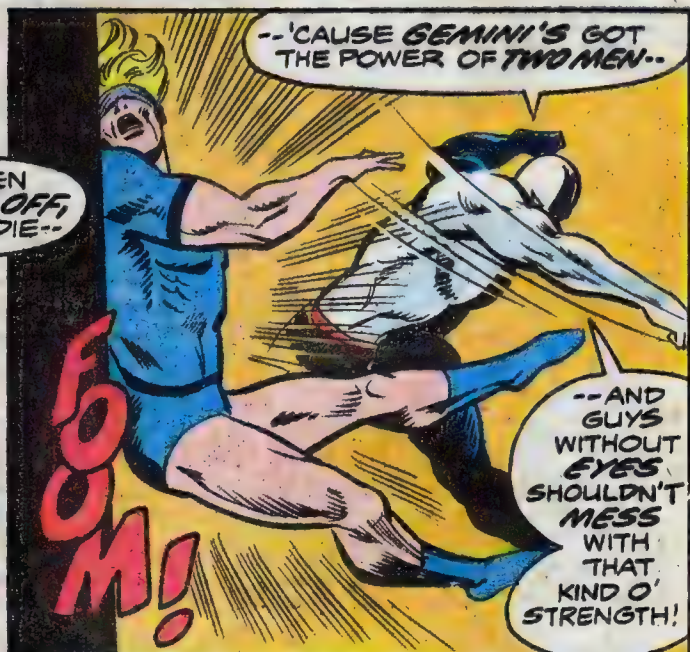
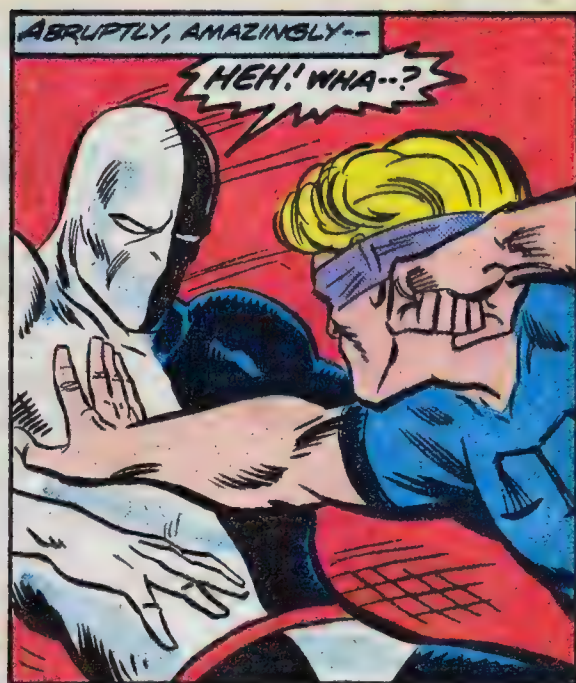
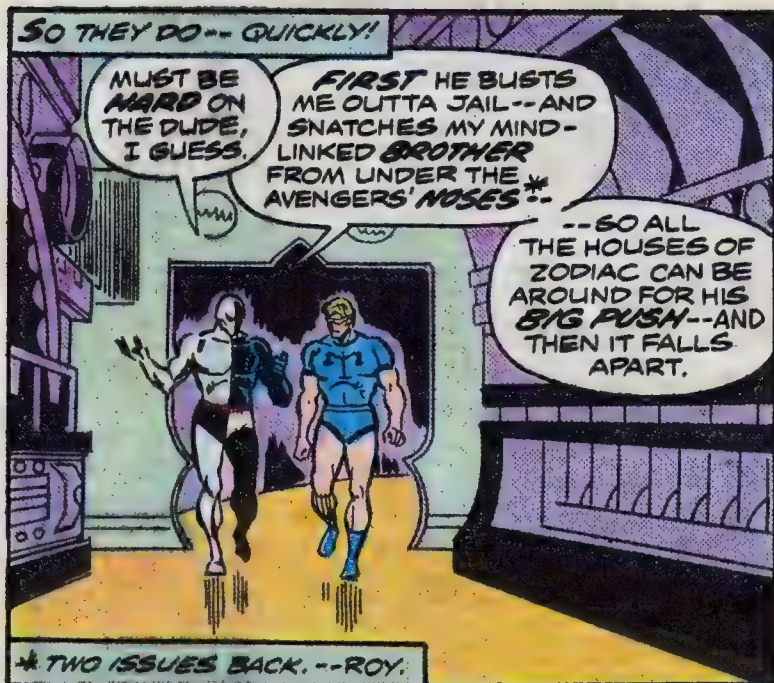
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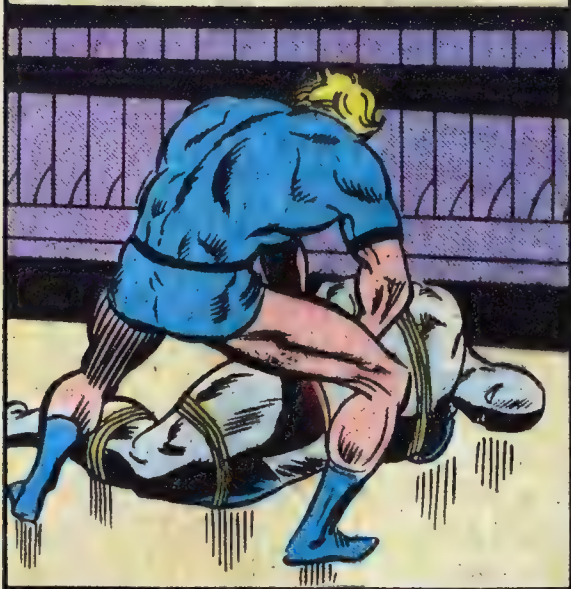
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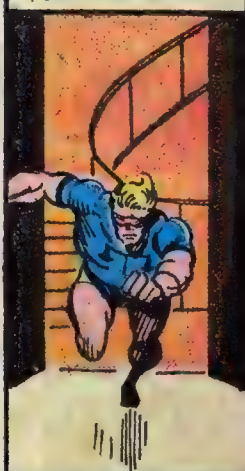
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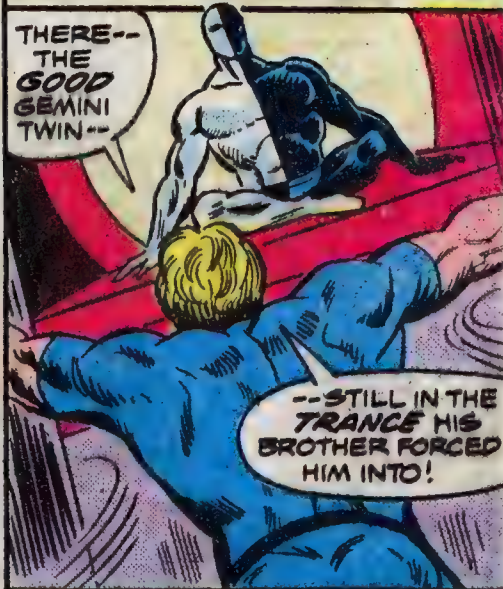


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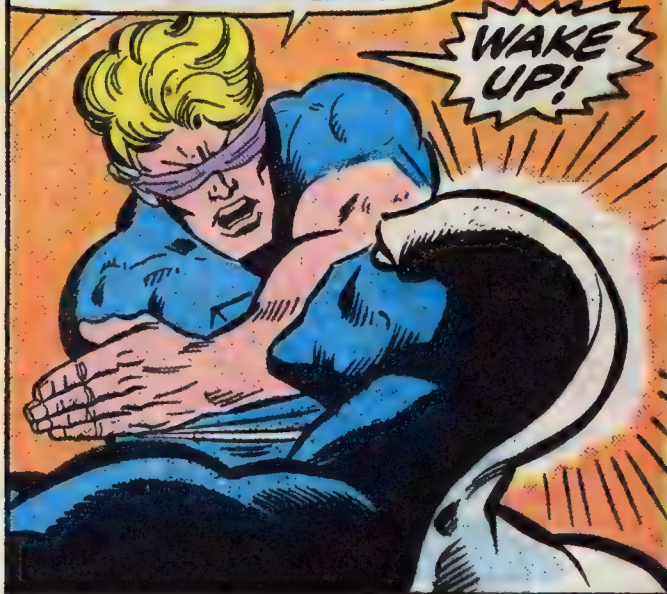
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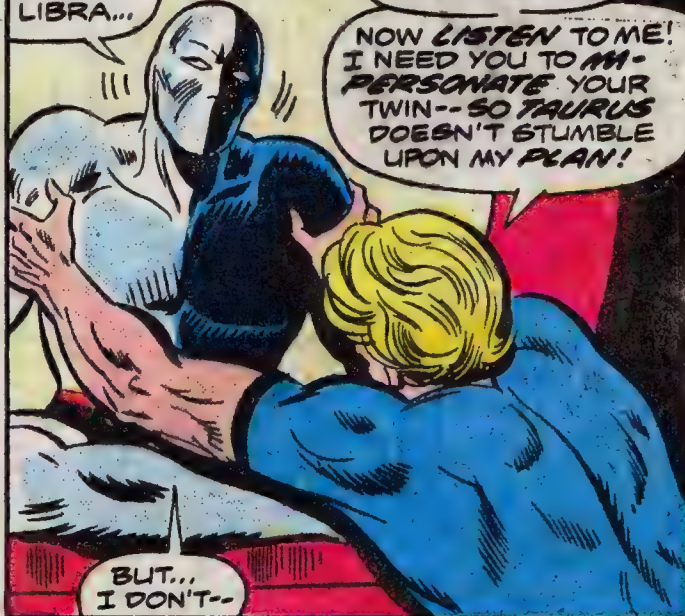
WAKE UP! YOUR BROTHER'S DOMINANCE OF YOUR MIND HAS ENDED!



WAKE UP!

...UH... LIBRA...

RIGHT! GOOD!



NOW LISTEN TO ME! I NEED YOU TO IM-PERSONATE YOUR TWIN-- SO TAURUS DOESN'T STUMBLE UPON MY PLAN!

BUT... I DON'T--

NO, FORGET I EVEN *SPOKE*! I CAN IMAGINE WHAT *RISKS* YOU'RE TAKING TO FREE ME!

WHAT DO YOU WANT DONE?

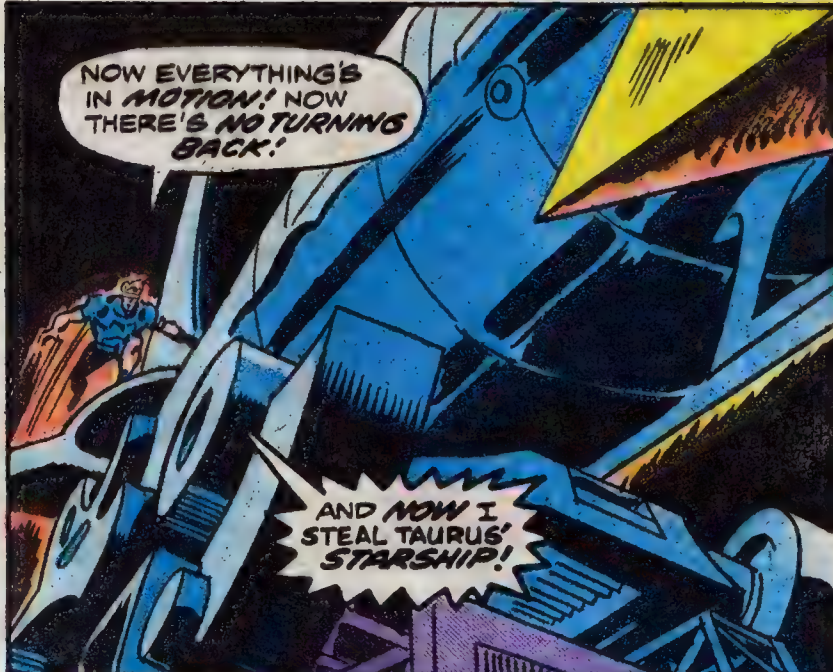
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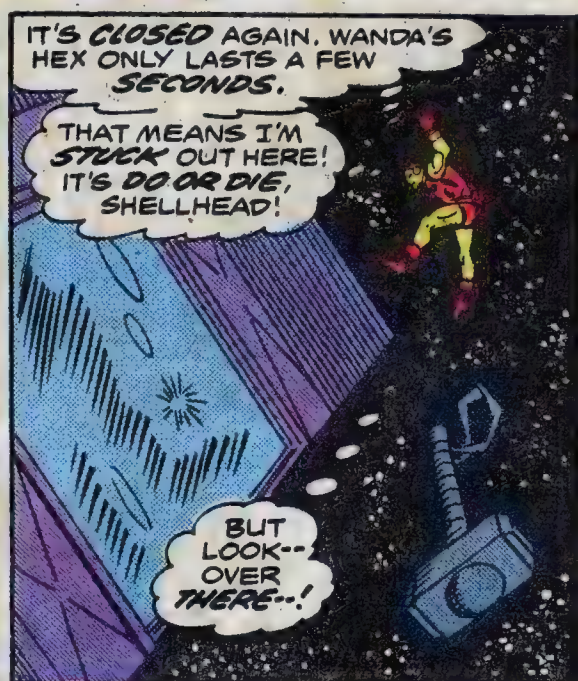
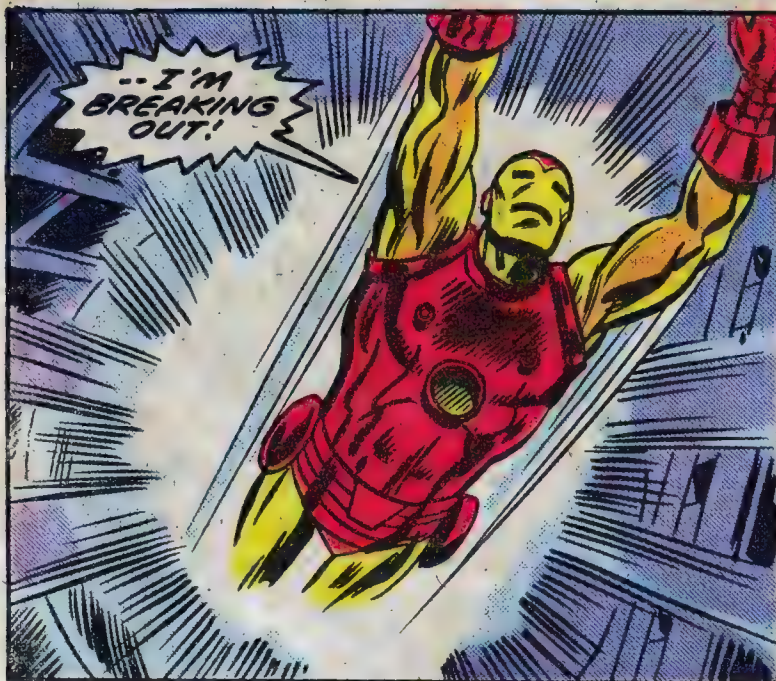
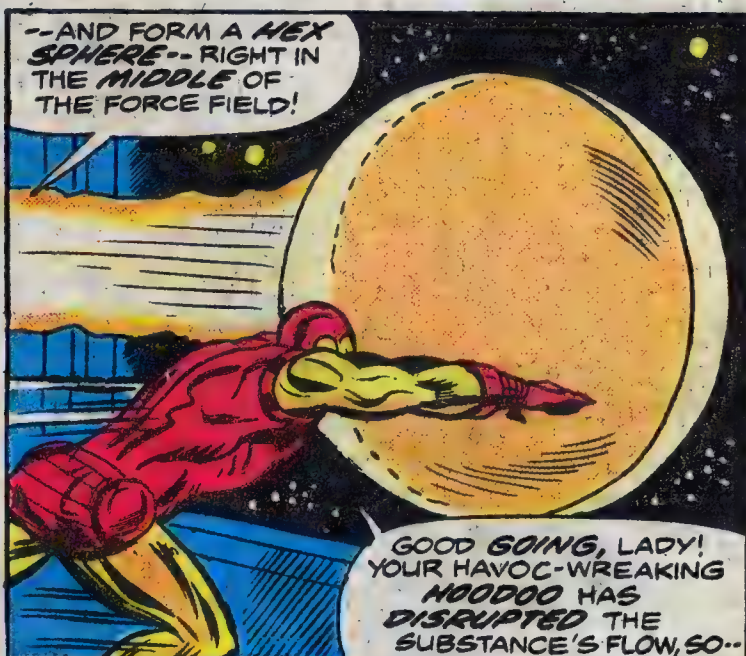
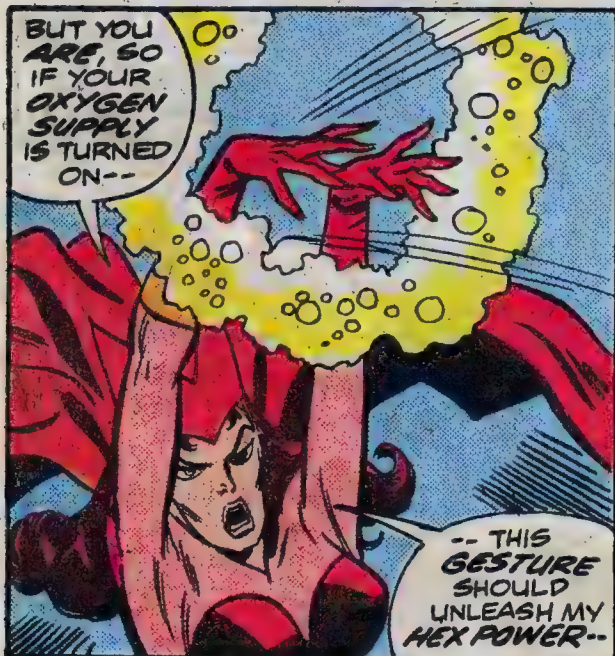
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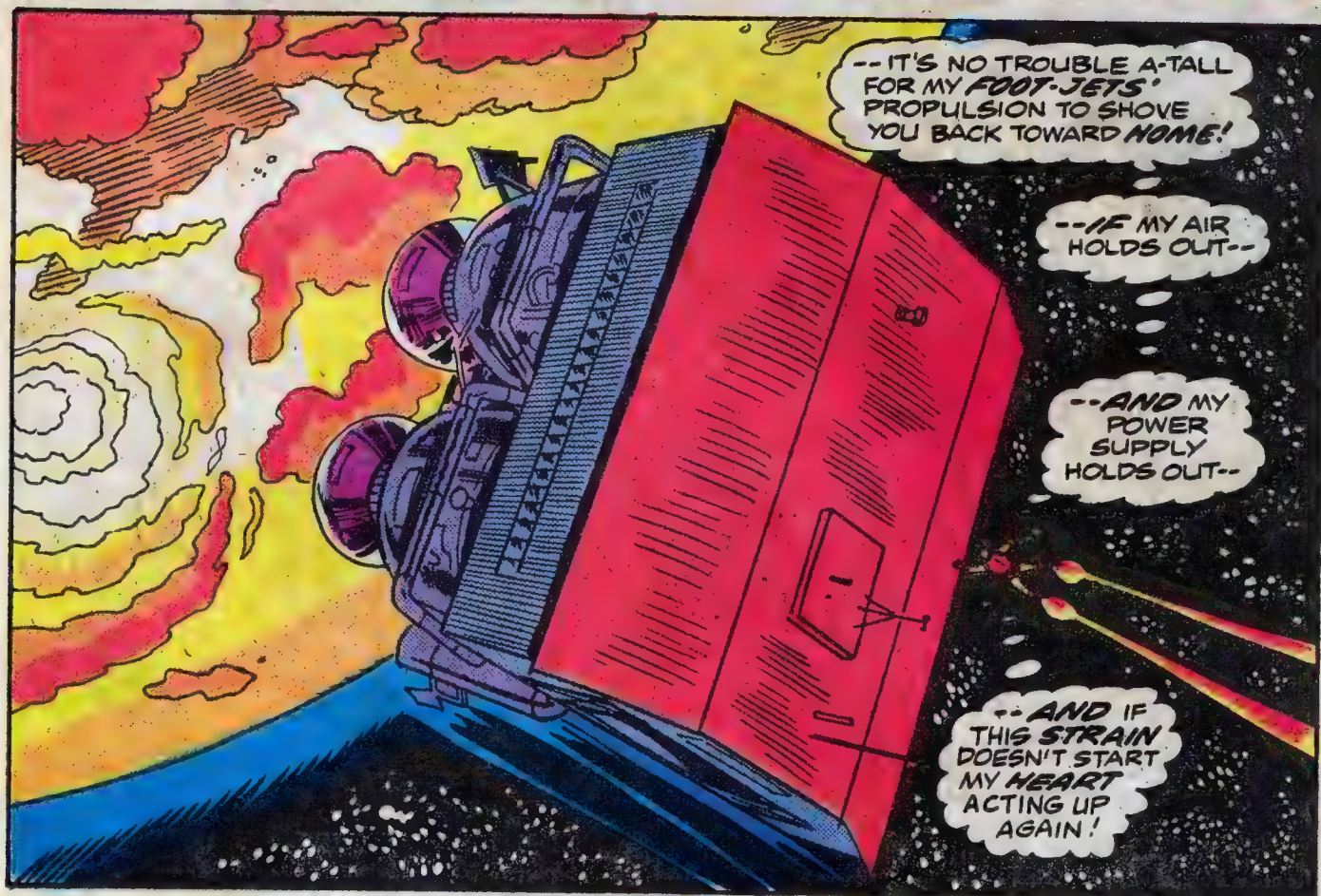
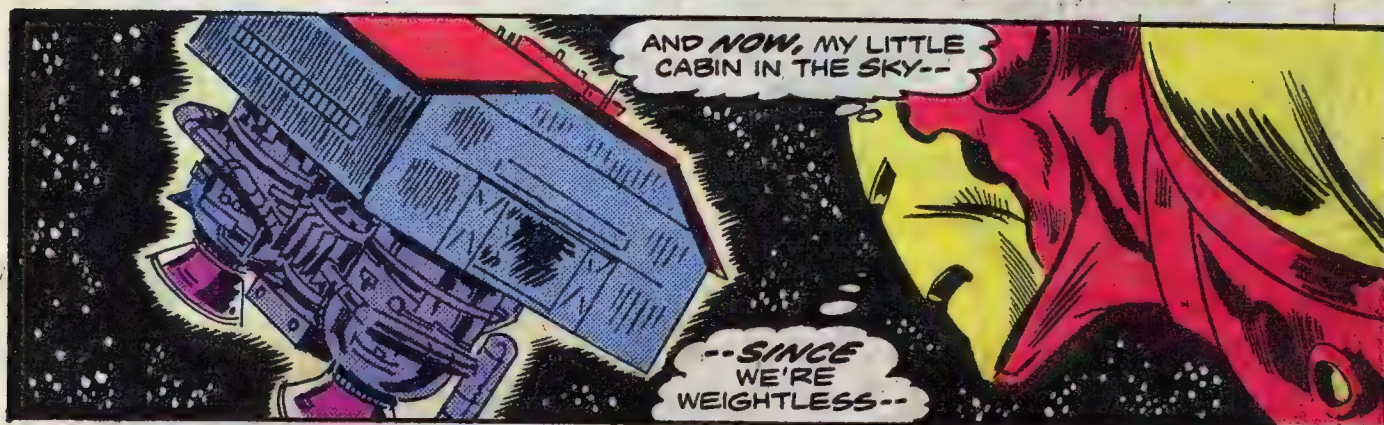
I'LL TRY NOT TO LET YOU DOWN, LIBRA!

NOW EVERYTHING'S IN MOTION! NOW THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!



AND NOW I STEAL TAURUS' STARSHIP!





BUT THERE'S ONE THING THE WISE-CRACKING GOLDEN AVENGER HAS OMITTED FROM HIS LIST OF POSSIBLE MISHAPS, AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW--

THAT'S THE ONE THAT GETS HIM!

THOR'S HAMMER! WE'RE STARTING TO FEEL EARTH'S GRAVITY, AND IT'S BEING DRAGGED IN!

MY WRIST IS PINNED--

--AND NOW THE THING'S TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO MOVE!

I'M TRAPPED-- CAN'T SLOW THE SHIP'S DESCENT!

WE'RE BURNING UP IN REENTRY!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

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Dear Steve and Bob,

AVENGERS #117...Wow! We're midway into the cosmic collision of the world's best super-teams, and the story is (stories are?) moving along quite well, thanks. You know, the basic outline for this kind of thing (heroes confront menace, break into teams, fight menace) was first laid out by Gardner Fox over 30 years ago, and your Direct Competition has been doing versions of it ever since, but this is the first time I've enjoyed it. Why? Because you guys took the time to make each "team-segment" a real story, instead of just quickie fights. Each character in these conglomerations is getting a chance to breathe and exhibit some depth for once. We've never before seen this much of Hawkeye, or Val, or the Swordsman (though the Valkyrie-Swordy segment seemed flat, somehow).

By the way, don't my eyes recognize Frank McLaughlin's pen-strokes on Chapter 8, instead of Esposito's?

Calvin Bentley
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They do indeed, Cal. Frank lent his good right hand when The Deadline loomed over issue #117 (see our answer to Rick Hoberg elsewhere for further details).

As for the rest of your missive: thanks--and for being the only one to comment upon the Swordsman-Valkyrie chapter, here's the inside scoop. See, as originally written, the mysterious owner of the Nazi Castle was a suspect in the Watergate Agonies who had fled to avoid prosecution--but at the time the book was printed, nobody in that scandal had been convicted of anything, and it was decided that having a character sure to be interpreted as being one or more real people attempt a murder was too heavy. Since then, natch, convictions (not on murder, of course) have come down, so Now It Can Be Told! Try re-reading that chapter with this missing fact in mind, and see if it doesn't make more sense.

Dear Steve, Bob, and Avengers Co.,

The Avengers are doing really fine right now, but they are hung up on one problem. No, Steve, it's not your scripting; that has never ceased to please me. No, Bob, it's not your art work; I've enjoyed your drawing since your Challenger days. The problem, cherished friends, is

the inking

With all the fine teams Marvel has produced art-wise, how could you stick Mike Esposito with Bob Brown? Mike is fine on certain people (he works extremely well with Ross Andru), but Brown's art needs much more style than Esposito can attain. How about Palmer (oh, man! Brown and Palmer), Graham, Chua, Reese, or the Crustys (Bunker, that is!)?

Rick Hoberg

Since you wrote, Rick, Mighty Mike has been called by his full-time duties on Marvel's production staff, and has had to cut back on his AVENGERS ink slinging. Unfortunately, his production work before that, and some Dreaded Deadline Dooms brought about by Steve's move to California, caused him to rush his creative contribution more than he (or we) wanted, and so appear to be less talented than he really is. As you say, he's done a fine job on other Marvel titles, and will continue to do so.

Meanwhile, what do you think of former-AVENGERS-penciler Donny Heck's inking on the Assemblers?

Dear Steve, Bob, Mike, and Roy,

While the Avengers progress on a collision course with the Defenders, as the dust flies, and as the smoke from battle billows, I'd like to express several rather cogent points about Earth's Mightiest Heroes not directly related to the current story-line.

Beginning with the fact that this strip is now crammed with more than a dozen characters aligning themselves for the final cosmic clash, at the conclusion, I'd like to see the Avengers' active membership pared down to five or six regulars. First, this would provide adequate time and space for the Vision, Wanda, and Pietro to reach some sort of accord on their trying situation. Secondly, I believe a break in the traditional guest superhero every ish should be approached. This particular team should now work as a tightly knit unit, assuming the responsibilities for their maintenance as a group effort.

Artistically, with Bob Brown at the illustrative helm regularly, a sorely missed element, namely continuity, has returned. It has taken him several outings to gain his stance, but his work in #117 exhibited well defined muscular construction, powerful facial emotion, and a daring boldness in panel arrangements. He can easily rest assured of a hearty welcome into the fold

by Marveldom En Masse.

I'd end by saying that the sky's the limit, but now it's even greater than that!

PMM Alan Rothman

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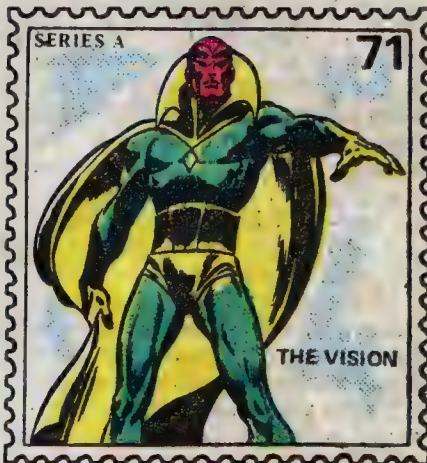
Blushin' Bob appreciates the compliments, Al, and hopes that you also enjoy his rendition of everybody's favorite Daredevil. Why, you ask. Because, we answer--though it saddens us to say it, the Assemblers will be losing their newest illustrator to the Man Without Fear in just a few short months. We just got finished working all this out, and it isn't scheduled to take effect for several issues--so don't remind us we said this if it doesn't go as planned--but we've been able to move DD back up to monthly status, and Bob doesn't have time to do two monthly mags.

Well then, you ask--who'll be drawing THE AVENGERS? To coin a phrase: "Do da name John Buscema mean anything to ya?" Yeah, we kinda thought so.

What's that, Alan? You're missing continuity again? Well, that's life...or at least, Marvel.

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Even as I pen yon momentous monograph, Marvel's vast, worldwide network of legal experts (okay, so it's one over-worked lawyer with a scratchy pen) is in the process of signing a contract with one of America's largest and most famous book-publishing companies to do a series of hard-cover books about — you guessed it — your favorite Marvel masterworks! We'll tell you more in coming issues, and we hoodwink thee not — it'll herald a whole new world of reading excitement for all Marveldom Assembled — even for the few heretics who still may be at large!

Naturally, FOOM is still growing by leaps and bounds. Your batty Bullpen has just scheduled a special meeting to vote on all the new goodies and surprises in store for the Friends Of Ol' Marvel, may their luster never dim! And of course one of our zingiest new sensations is the Value Stamp project we've just begun — which Rascally Roy will discuss with you in living color — if I ever leave him enough space!

Since no mere mortal can bear too much mind-staggering munificence, I'll merely hint at some other dynamite developments to come. Wouldja believe a full-length feature film about some of our cataclysmic characters? And how about the two top TV producers who are making us an offer we can hardly refuse? And, we've gotta admit we're still sneakily working on plans for new, earth-shaking characters and concepts in our ever-growing line of Marvel comics and mags. So watch your newsstand, watch these pages, and watch out for enemy agents! We mustn't let a word of this reach the competition!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Sheesh! It's January again — and it seems like only yesterday that the whole batty Bullpen were auld-lang-syn-ing each other at New Year's parties all over Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island too. Anyhow, just for the heck of it, we thought you might wanna see some of the New Year's Resolutions dreamed up by our nutty artists and writers for 1974. So here goes —!

Merry GERRY CONWAY resolves he'll take the time to memorize the agreement of all Asgardian pronouns and verbs. (He's got no choice! Rascally Roy stamped 'em all over Mr. C's forehead!)

Macabre MIKE PLOOG vows to make his new project, the Man-Thing, as horribly hairy and hellishly heinous as his Werewolf, Ghost Rider, and Frankenstein Monster put together.

RICH (Swash) BUCKLER pledges to make the Fantastic Four even more popular than it already is. (And you know something? The lad just might make it!)

Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA swears he'll sneak away from his post as art director long enough to actually draw a Spider-Man saga or two, just for old times' sake.

STEVE (Baby) GERBER and Battlin' BOB BROWN jointly avow that they will both figure out every one of the gimmicks in Daredevil's billy-club before 1975 rolls around — they hope!

Big JOHN BUSCEMA promises to remember that a right-handed Barbarian wears his sword on his left side, not on his right.

Sibling SAL B. claims he'll get a new compass to help him draw those difficult, painstaking stripes on Captain America's shield.

Marvelous MARV WOLFMAN and Gentleman GENE COLAN affirm that they'll invent at least three unique and previously untried ways for Count Dracula to die! (Lotsa luck, fellas!)

Rascally ROY THOMAS declares that this year Conan will definitely go thru one whole issue without once referring to his Cimmerian god Crom. Or, if not this year, then maybe the next —!

And Smilin' STAN LEE, our publishing potentate, swears that this'll be positively the last year he lets his ever-lovin' editor make up New Year's Resolutions for the whole blamed Bullpen!

But now, onward —!

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FOOM fan club, you'll get your chance an ish or two from now. A word to the wise . . .!

ITEM! And now, in closing, here's our mirthful message in SPIDER-MAN CODE for the merry month of January — to warm the cockles of your heart with news of a Marvel longtimer who'll be getting his very own series in the months to come. Like so:

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Ponder over that little tidbit for a while, Straight Arrow!

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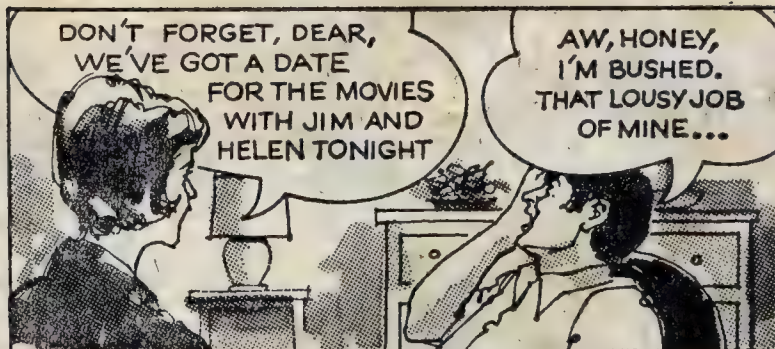
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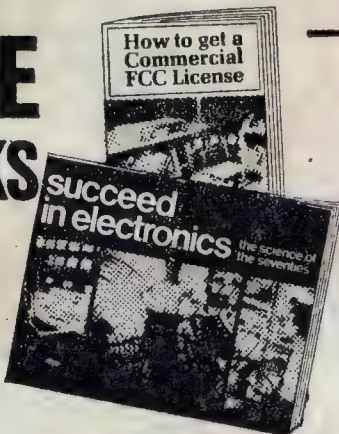
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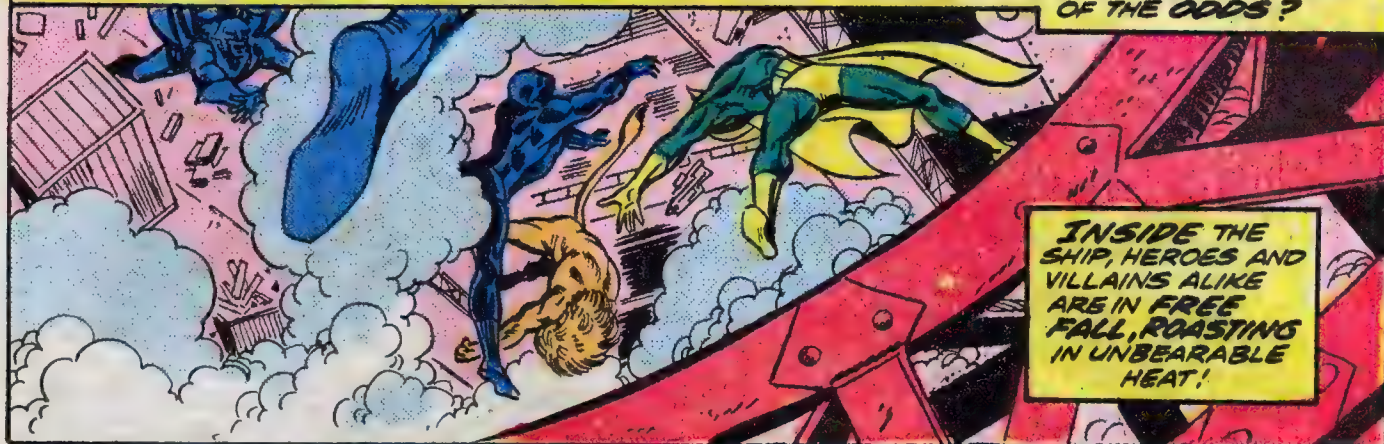
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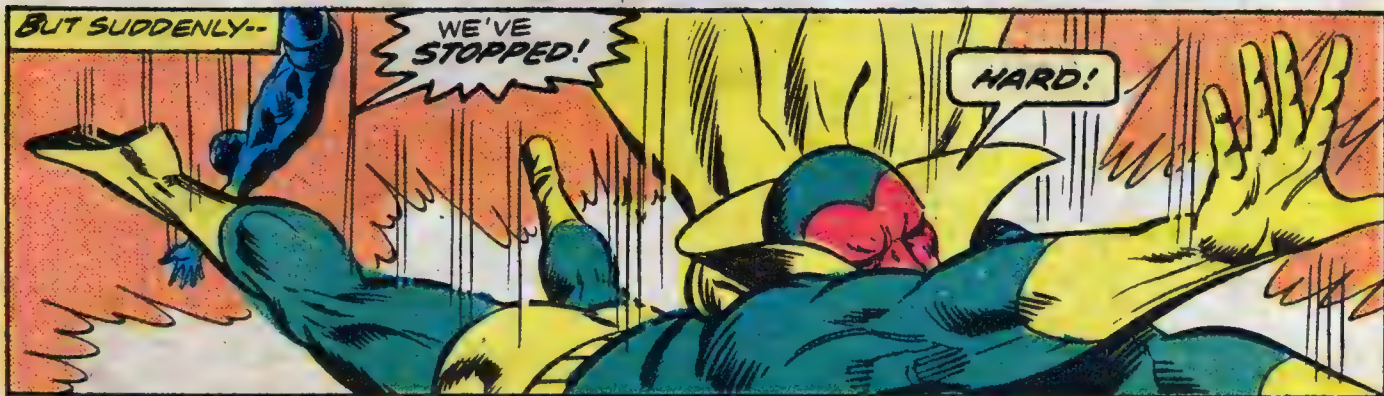


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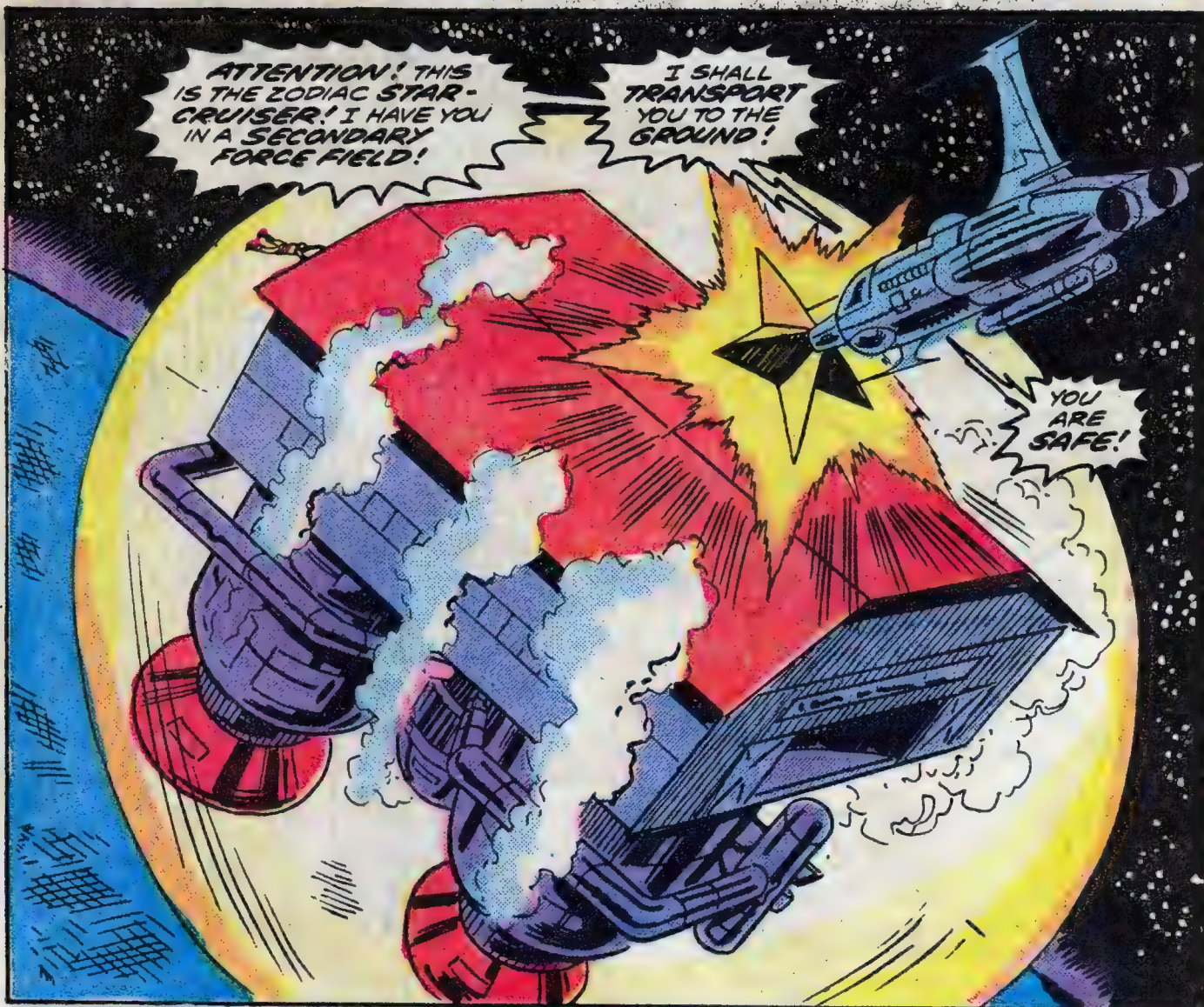
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... BUT IS IT I SHE WOULD WANT HERE?

"PERHAPS SHE'D RATHER HAVE THE VISION, WHO SAVED HER FROM CERTAIN DEATH... *

"-- AND WHO HOVERED OVER HER SO GINGERLY WHEN THE AVENGERS BROUGHT HER HERE."

* LAST ISH. -- ROY.

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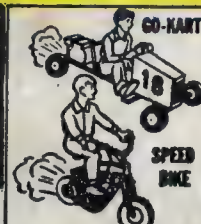
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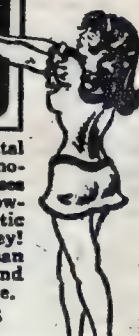
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*TWO ISSUES AGO, MARVEL TIME...R.T.

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THEN SPREAD OUT AND SCOUR THE PLACE!

SOMEBODY'S PUTTIN' THE SCREWS TO US, AN' THEY'RE GONNA GET SUDDENLY DEAD WHEN I FIND OUT WHO!

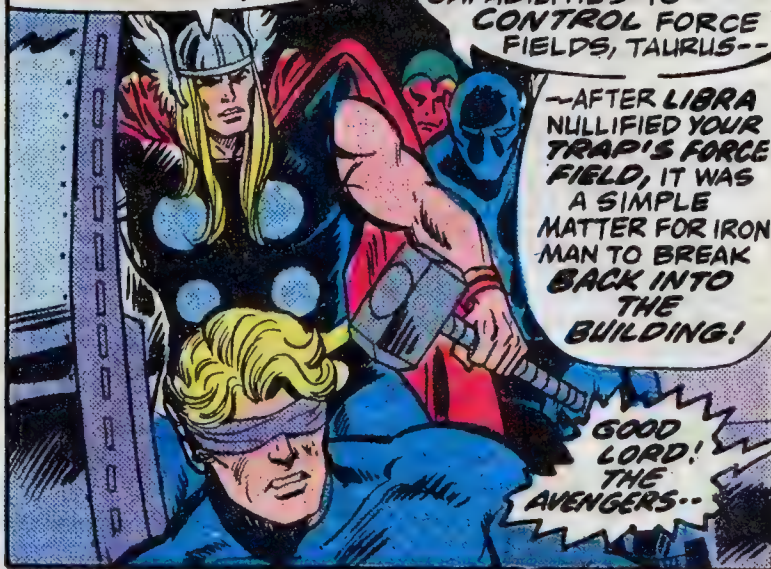
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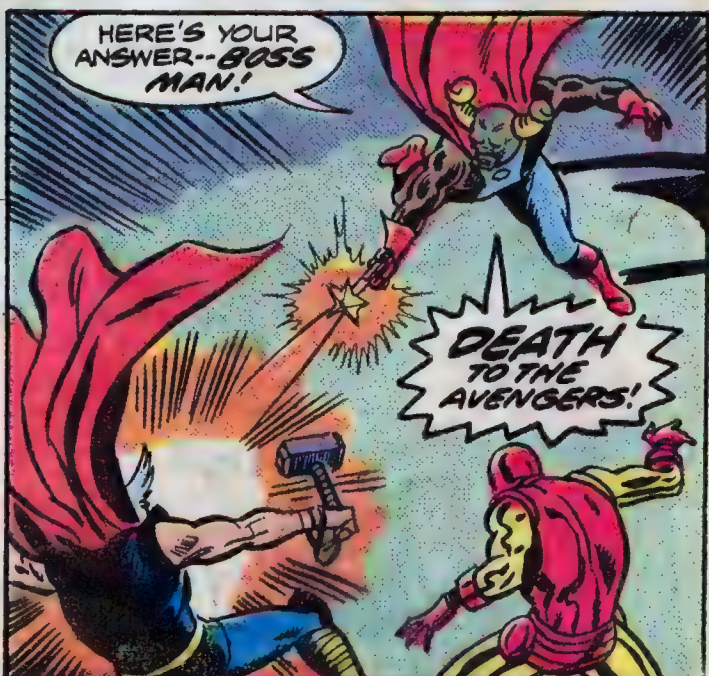
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Last time around, we first introduced our mighty MARVEL VALUE STAMPS to a breathlessly waiting world.

Now *this* month, it's finally time to *explain* the furshlugginer things!

What it is: We're now including one of these colorful MVS goodies in virtually every one of our multitudinous mags that has a *letters* page. There'll be an even *hundred* of them in Series "A," which covers calendar year 1974, starting with #1 (your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, who else?) and winding up with #100, which sports a dynamic likeness of none other than—well, we'll let you guess till *next* time just *whose* mug will replace that mystery-shrouded *question* mark when the coveted #100 Stamp finally appears!

All we can tell you about it right now is that, although some of our Stamps will appear much more often than others, MVS #100 will be absolutely, positively the *rarest* one of 'em all, popping up in only *one* Marvel title during the whole blamed year!

(No, no, Suspicious One—it won't be sneaked into one of our western re-runs or any of our rhapsodic reprints, but will be featured prominently in one of our awesome *all-original* epics over the next few months. If you miss it, or one of the others which you need to complete your collection—you can always do a bit of swapping and trading with your fellow

Marvel madmen who might have been luckier, right?)

And now the \$64,000 question: Once you've got all 100 Stamps, what do you *do* with them? We call 'em MARVEL VALUE STAMPS, after all—so where's the value?

Well, part of the future value of the whole collection is obvious. For instance, in the next month or three, we'll be offering you an *MVS Stamp Album* virtually at cost, so that you can paste in all of them and have a complete set—which is bound to become a real collector's item in the years to come. (After all, didja know that FANTASTIC FOUR #1 is now selling for up to \$50 in many back-issue comic-book stores across the nation, and that SPIDEY #1 isn't far behind?)



But, that's only a *long-range* forecast. For those of you who'd like to see some benefits *before* you grow a long white beard, we can't say any more just now—but we solemnly promise that, even as these words are written, we're already in the process of lining up some *immediate* rewards you can reap when you've amassed a complete set. So, you'll not only have the frolic and fun of collecting the full 100 MVS mini-masterpieces, but—at least for many of you—it'll mean money in your pocket, to boot!

How's that for a grabber?

We also pledge a *fuller* explanation of this all-important point over the next few issues—verily, we swear and affirm it by the mile-long Adam's-apple of Reed Richards!

So keep on clippin' and collectin', pilgrim!

By the time summer rolls around, virtually all 100 MARVEL VALUE STAMPS will have appeared in our liltin' letters pages, or in some other designated spot—

—And that's when the fun *really* begins!

P.S.: Special thanks to Jazzy Johnny Romita, Mirthful Marie Severin, and Titanic Tony Mortellaro for digging up the spiffiest bunch of superhero drawings since George Washington first said "Cheese!"

FROM THE VALLEY OF THE (HO! HO! HO!) MARVEL GIANTS!

It's true! It's true! Our new mammoth-sized 75¢ mags are taking the world by storm! And no wonder! For one thing, last time we looked, they sported a full *eight* pages *more* than most of our major competitors' titles; for another, they feature a panorama of fear-filled photos from the greatest monster movies of all time. All this, plus art and story by some of the Bullpen's spookiest ghost-writers!

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What's more, in a couple of months we plan to launch *two more* jumbo-sized spectaculars—and, though they're on the top-secret list right now, we frankly think the very *names* of our two upcoming masterworks will knock you right out of your haunted castle!

Now, on to a pair of pulsating news-bits:

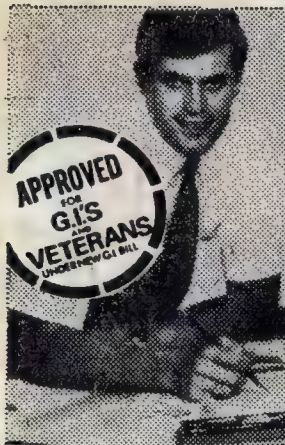


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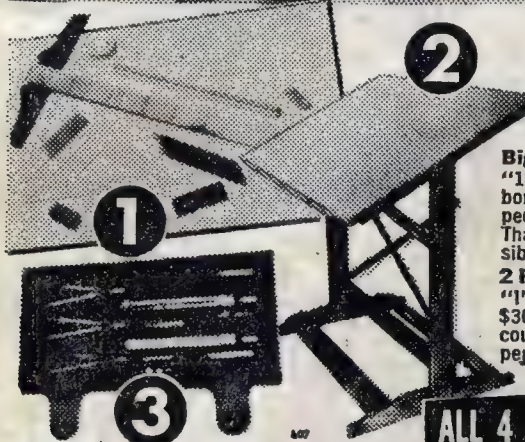


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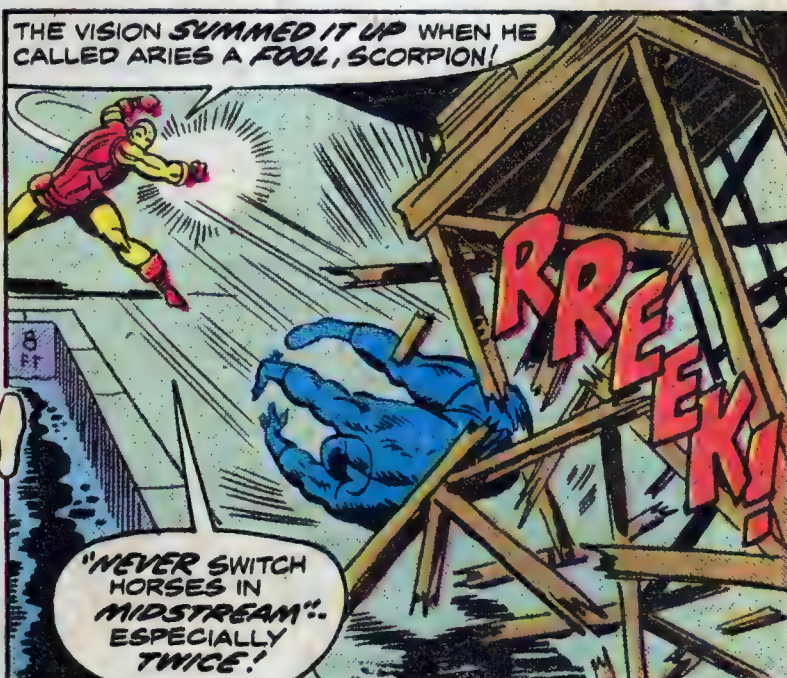
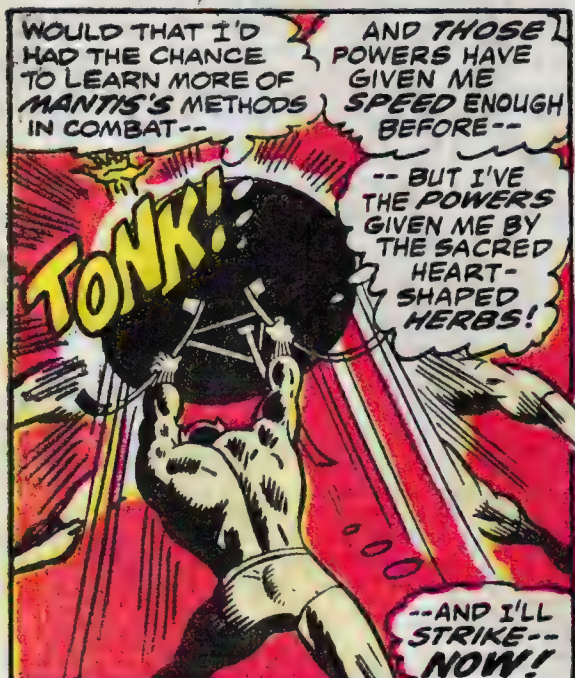
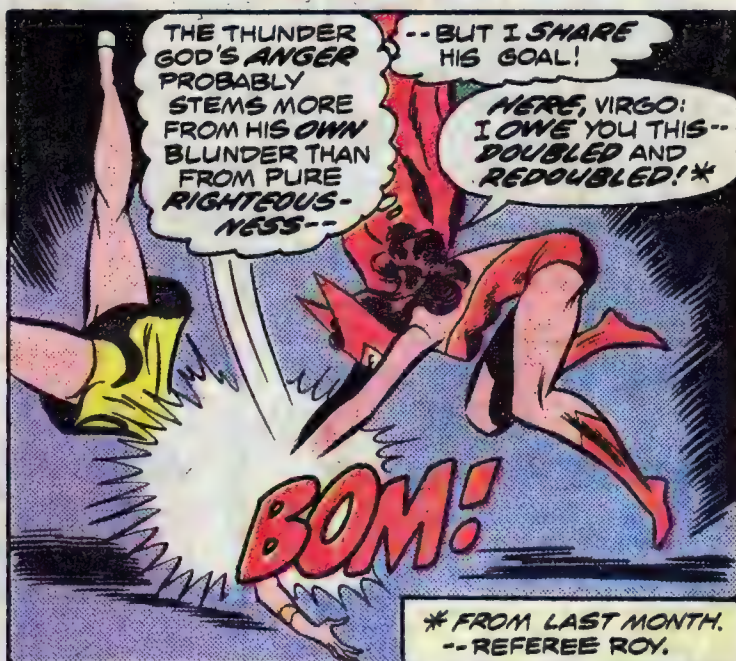
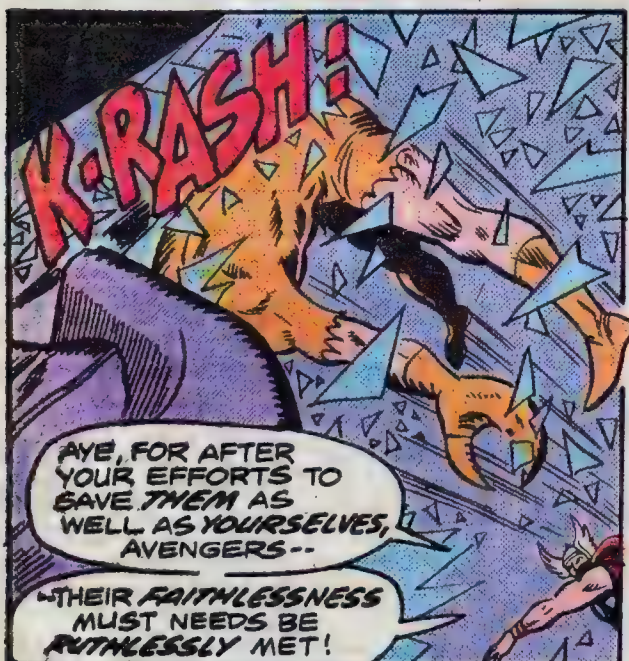
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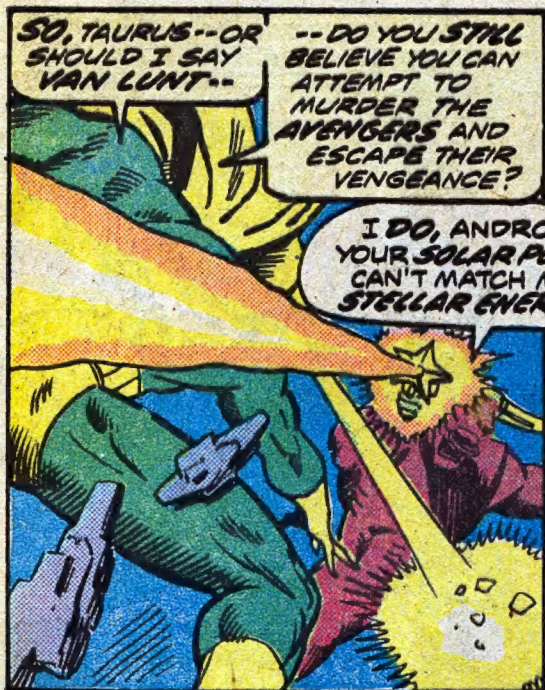
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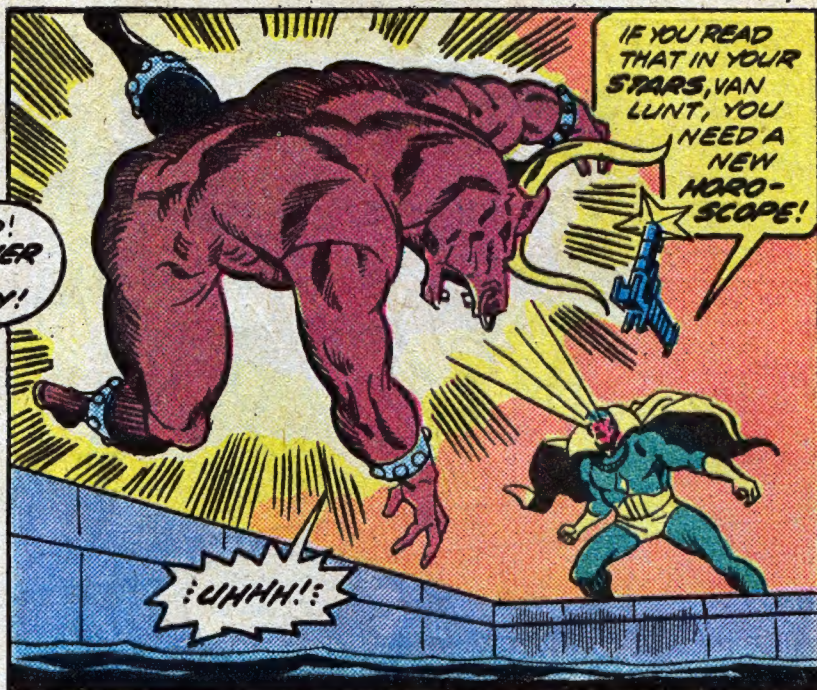




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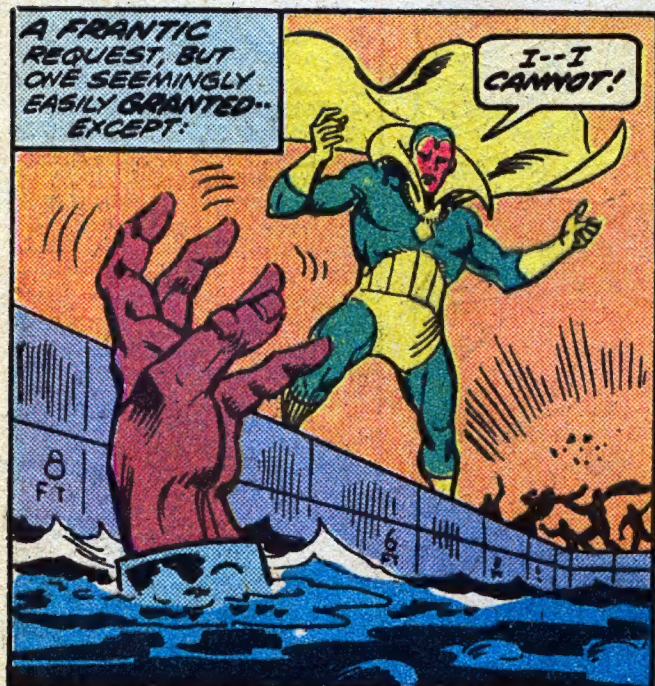
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NO! YOU DON'T UNDER-
STAND!

I ONLY ESCAPED THE FLOOD LAST TIME THROUGH LUCK! *

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* AT THE CATACLYSMIC CLIMAX OF ISSUE #81-- ROY.



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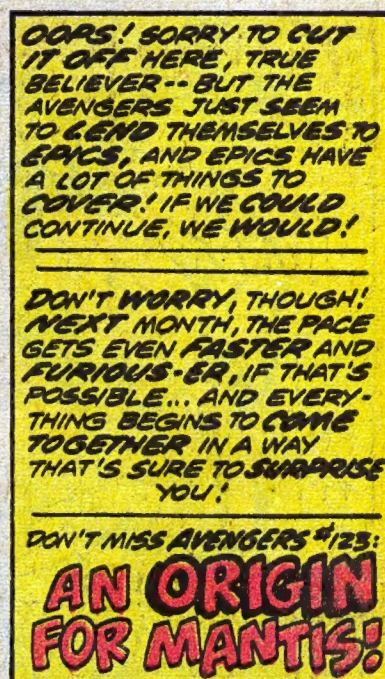
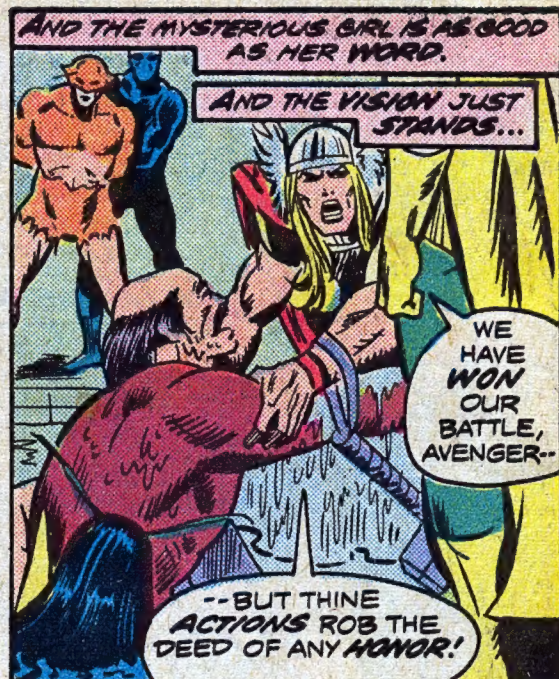
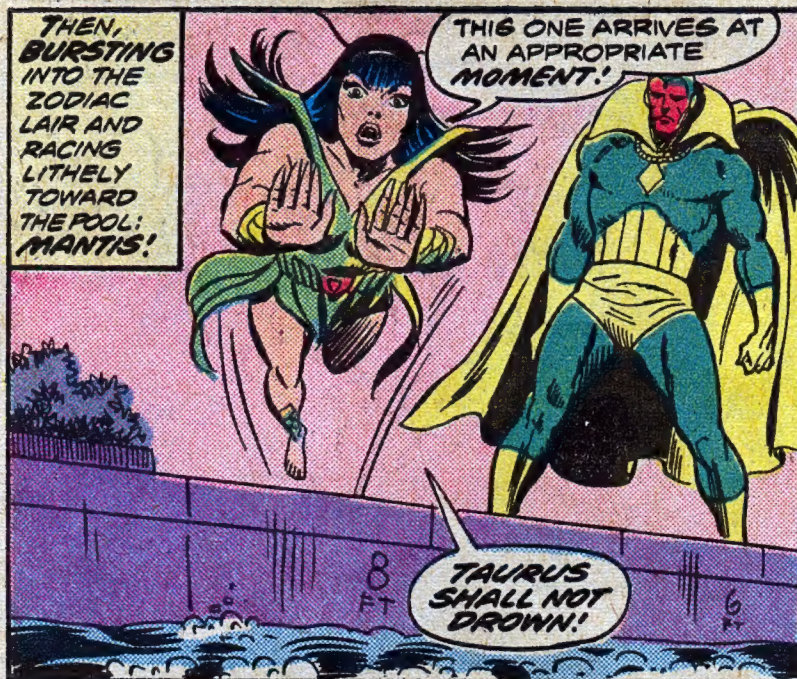
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